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Teach, Learn, Remember and Share

by Pamela Knox Collins

The art of storytelling has been with us for thousands of years. Whether it be myth, legend, yarn or tale, stories have the ability to teach, entertain, inspire and preserve important moments in history. These are the thoughts and hopes behind the creation of Salisbury University's Heritage Mural. Salisbury University has 75 years of "important moments" to recapture, remember and share with the campus community and the neighboring Salisbury community.

In May of 2000, SU's administration commissioned the construction and design of a 494 x 8 foot mural fence to commemorate SU's 75 years of excellence and to repay the community of Salisbury for its unwavering support and cooperation over the years.

Creating an "interactive" history mural is a way to bring groups of people together, such as, students, faculty, administration, parents and community members, to participate and share each others stories, experience and company while they are creating history for the future.

Over the past year, research for SU's history mural was conducted at the Nabb Research Center. SU history was

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The Nabb Research Center staff made its "artistic" contribution to the mural.

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assembled by the muralist who is also an artist, a researcher and a storyteller, all in one. Sifting through archival documents and photographs, scrapbooks and yearbooks, and speaking with alumni, faculty and community members are just some of the research techniques that may be used by the artist. Even the wall on which the mural is painted has a history and this tale, too, becomes part of the multi-layered story.

Every piece of art affects us in one way or another and mural art, as a result of its "in your-face" appearance, is able to impact us in many ways. A monumental piece of art is able to attract attention and at the same time convey a message. The colors, images and spirit of the piece are engaging, whether it be educational, commercial or just plain pleasurable, and SU's history mural embodies all of these attributes due to the many mentors, artists and participants who have brought their talents and time to the treasure of "making history."

SU's Heritage Mural showcases traditional images and local waterways that create a poetic visual that tells the story of SU's ever-changing journey from 1925 to the 21st century. Also featured are historic, community and world events. As students, faculty and visitors walk from one side of the campus to the other they can view the mural (which is located in the center of campus) and contemplate SU's heritage.

Presently, the mural is coming to completion and everyone is invited to come and participate in the painting. Regardless of age or talent, this easy paint-by-numbers mural is created for anyone to paint. Painting will continue until complete every Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., weather permitting. If you are interested in contributing to the Heritage Mural, please call 410-289-1625 for information.

The Nabbians took advantage of a perfect fall day in November to paint the Nabb Research Center section of the mural. Team participants were Becca Brooks, Pam Collins, Doris Gelbman, Aaron Horner, Jill Jeffery, Cres Long, Donna Messick, Iris Powell, Ray Thompson, Becky Miller and her children, Austin and Emily Butler and their friends, Jessica Bennett and Jason Jones.

The author, Pam Collins, is currently enrolled as a graduate student in SU's history program and is a graduate assistant at the Nabb Research Center. She received her undergraduate degree from SU in May 2000 in art administration. Pam is also the driving force behind the SU Heritage Mural. Her vision and dedication have helped to transform the science building construction site into a visual reminder of SU's rich history and its place in the future. Pam hopes that the mural can be recycled and reused at other work sites on campus.

American Origins Update: Databases and New Maps

In late August when Mike Dondzila, the new graduate assistant from the History Department, walked into the Nabb Research Center and described some of his past computer experience, the American Origins project received an unexpected boost. Over the past couple of months, Mike and DJ Dauses, an intern majoring in computer science, have worked diligently to create a master database that will contain information about Colonial settlers in Old Somerset County. Mike and DJ have faced a rather difficult task. The database they are designing will impose order on thousands of pieces of data in the beginning phases of the project alone; within a couple of years, however, the amount of data will balloon to epic proportions. While Microsoft Access serves as our current database application, plans to expand the database in a few years and the anticipated heavy use of the American Origins Web site will probably require us to switch to a different database program in the future.

As Mike and DJ work on improving the prototype database, Aaron Horner is tackling the daunting task of transferring the patent maps of the Mount Vernon district in Somerset from the Deed Mapper program to GIS software. This process has required hours of consultation with Professor Mike Scott of the Geography Department at Salisbury University and numerous phone calls and e-mails to software companies. At this point, it is apparent that moving between the two mapping systems involves multiple steps along with a considerable awareness of Somerset County's landscape. Within the past few weeks, Aaron has identified and purchased a new software program that should speed up the entire process of transferring patent maps to GIS software.

As the project continues to come together, and as Aaron, Mike and DJ iron out some of the initial technological wrinkles in the plan, we will keep the Nabb Research Center's membership updated on our progress.

Chesapeake Accents: The Edward H. Nabb Research Center Goes on the Air

Creston Long, the Nabb Research Center's project historian, recently completed training to produce programming for Access 26, the Wicomico County public access television station. Access 26 will provide the Nabb Research Center an invaluable outlet for enhancing the understanding and awareness of the Eastern Shore's rich history and heritage.

Every month the Nabb Research Center will produce *Chesapeake Accents* a 20-minute to half-hour show featuring a regional historic site or an interview with a local historian. The first edition of *Chesapeake Accents* has already aired on Access 26, featuring an interview and field excursion with Jim Trader of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites. Upcoming editions of *Chesapeake Accents* will feature visits to historic sites in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Check the Access 26 Web site or tune in to channel 26 to see when the show will air.

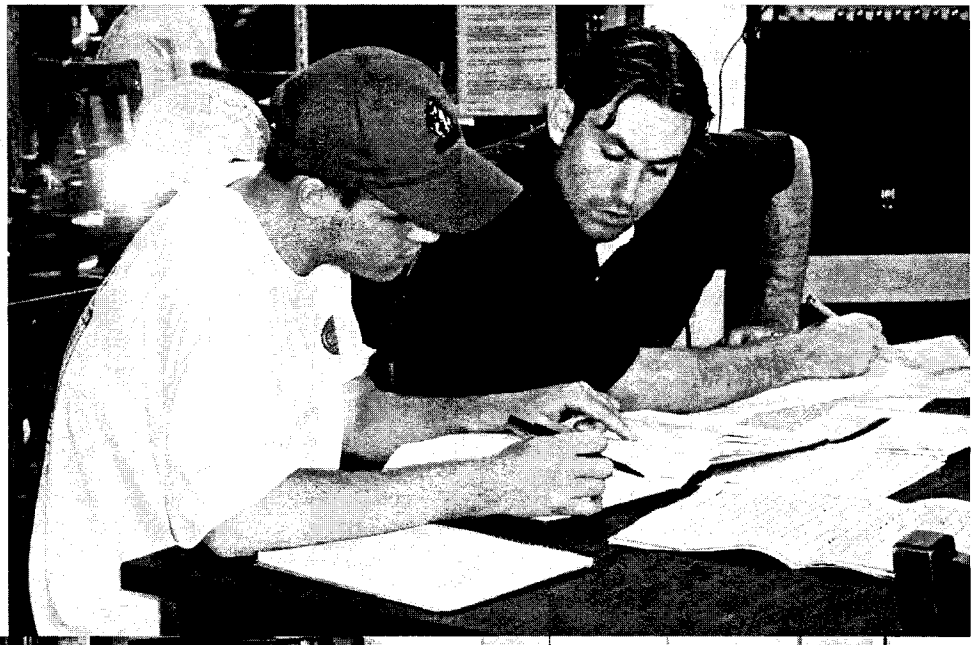
Access 26 is located on the campus of Salisbury University. Its Web address is www.access 26.org.

Littleton Heritage Book

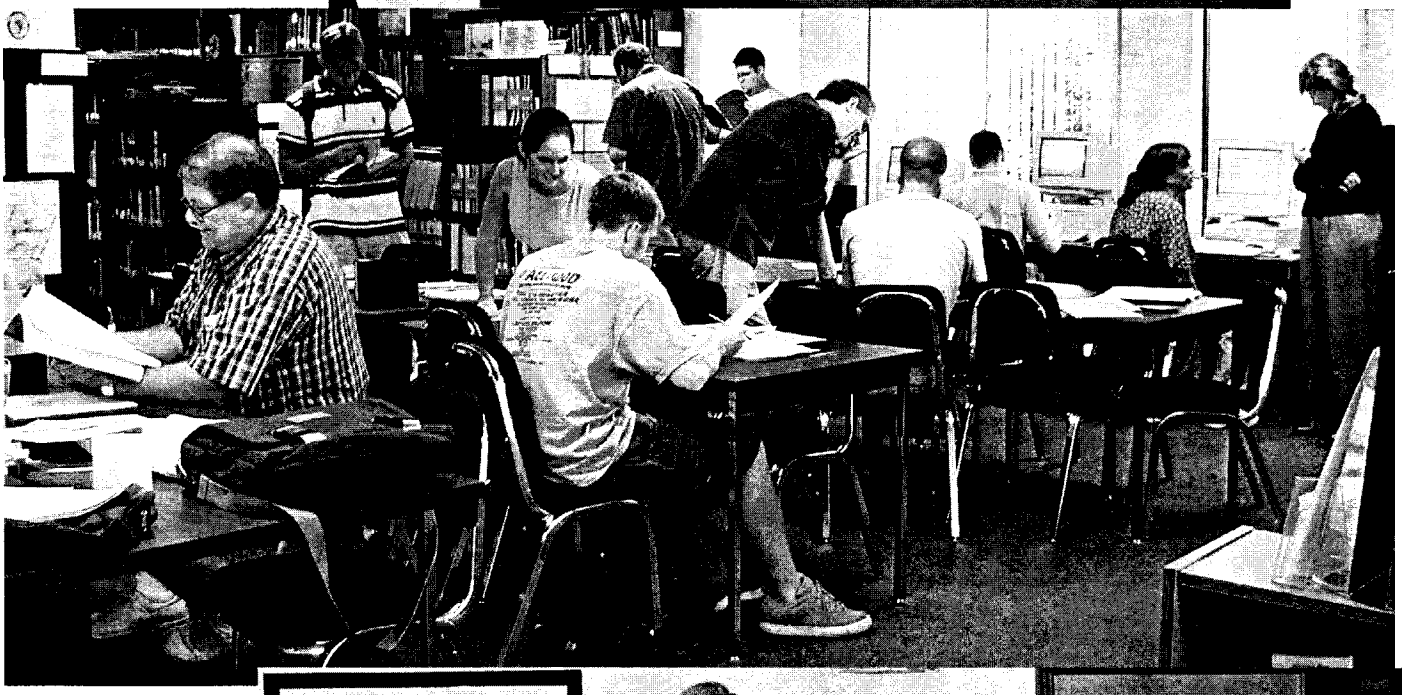
Nancy Wise of Salem, VA, widow of Dr. Matthew M. Wise, has donated several hundred volumes of *The Littleton Heritage: Some Descendants of Colonel Nathaniel Littleton (1605-1654) of Northampton, Co., Virginia and His Royal Forbears* for the Nabb Research Center to sell. The 527-page, hardback volume has chapters on the following families: Bell, Denwood, Eyre, Fassitt, Gilliss, Littleton, Long, Roach, Robins, Savage, Tazewell, Tingle, Purnell, Waters, Whittington, Wilson, Winder and the Ephraim Wilson family. All families in this meticulously researched book may claim ancestry from the Magna Carta barons Henry de Bohun, Richard De Clare and Roger Blood, as well as Brian Boru, King of Ireland, 1002-1014; Henry I, King of France; Charlemagne; William the Conqueror and many other recognizable names in history.

Claim your royal heritage by making your check payable to Salisbury University Foundation Inc. for $35, plus $3 shipping and handling (5 percent sales tax applies to Maryland addresses). Please mail all orders to the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

People

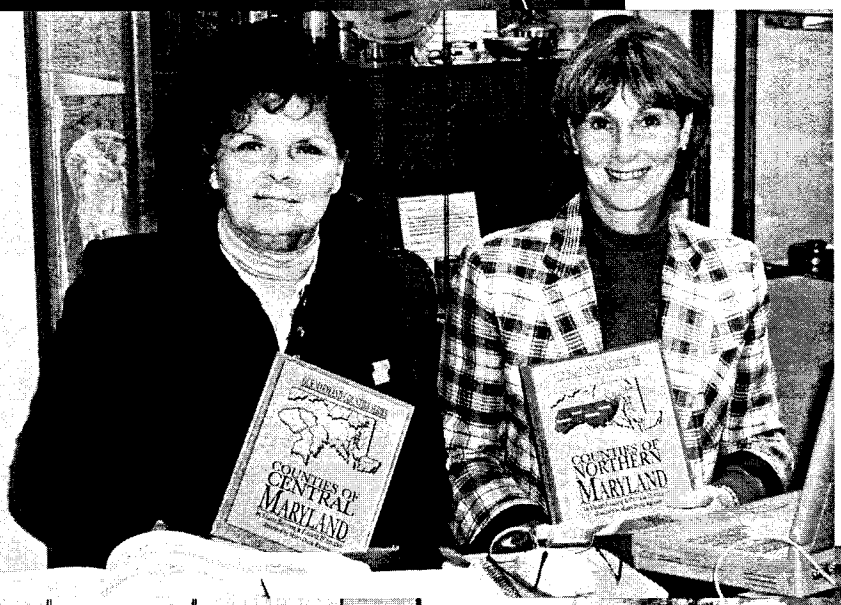


SU history students using the Center to do historical research.

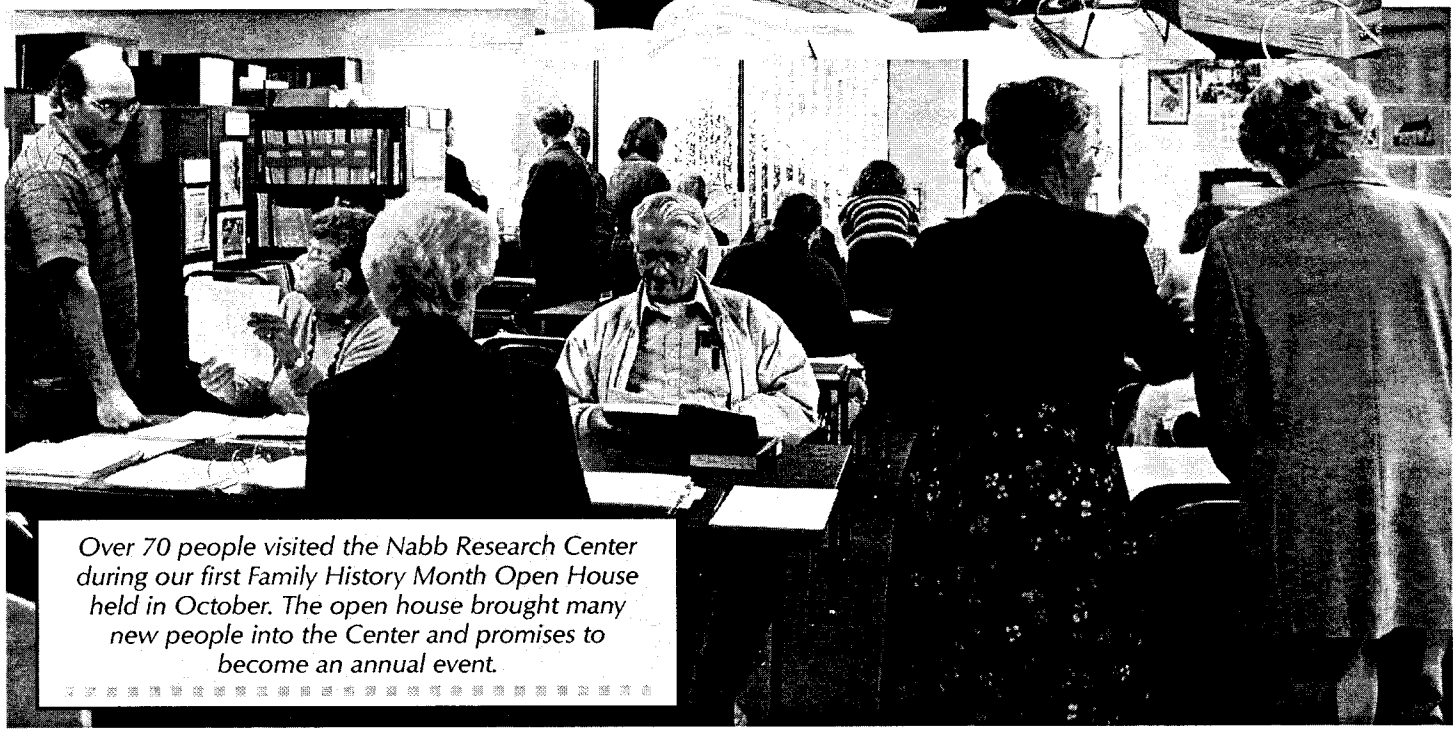


Researchers from all over the country continue to visit the Center. Pictured, front row: Pat Matl, Concord, CA; Lyndeth Esgar, Huntingdon Beach, CA; and Judith Tenbrook, Arvada, CO; back row: W.D. "Bill" Purnell, Bellingham, WA.

Dr. Melanie Perreault (center) works with SU history students who prepared biographical sketches of Colonial residents of Somerset County for their methodology class using primary resources at Nabb Research Center.



Elaine Bunting and Patricia D'Amario, who are both retired from the Harford County Public School System, spent the day at the Nabb Research Center working on their non-fiction children's series, Our Maryland Counties. *The authors are currently working on an edition focusing on the Eastern Shore counties.*



Over 70 people visited the Nabb Research Center during our first Family History Month Open House held in October. The open house brought many new people into the Center and promises to become an annual event.

'Mar: Jones: Merchant White Haven Somerset Coty'

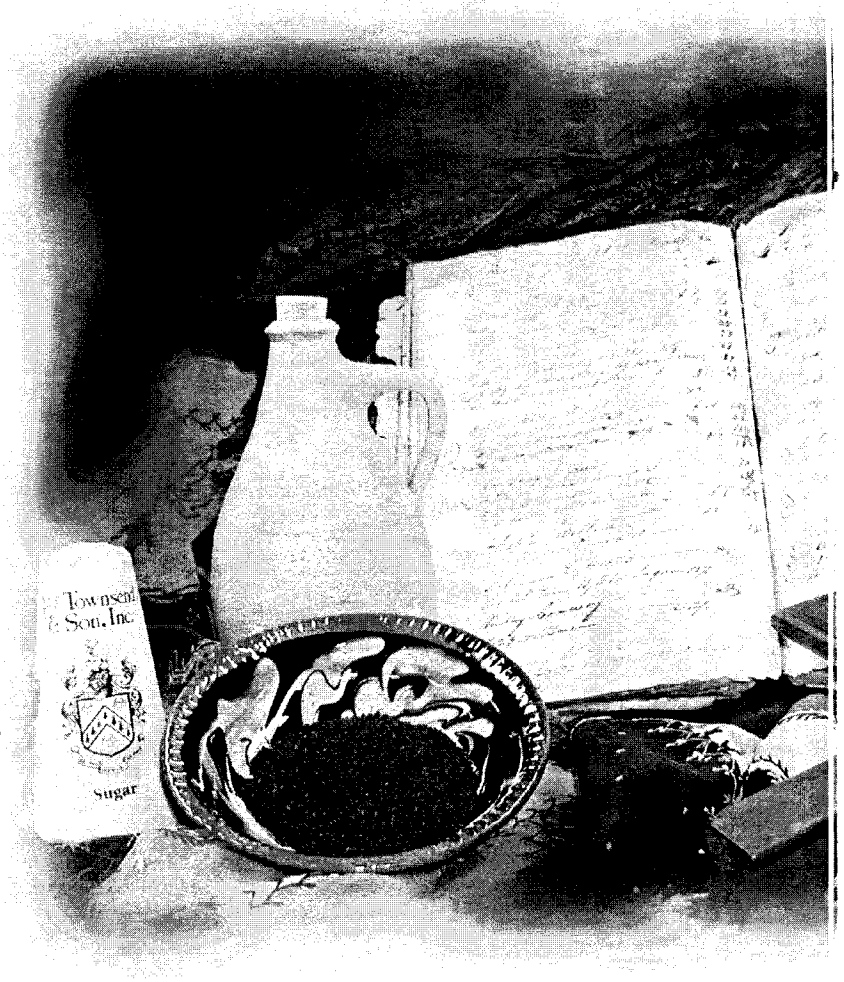
by Rebecca Miller

Etched into the worn leather-bound cover is the name of the storekeeper who kept the ledger of purchases from his store in the Wicomico River community of Whitehaven, now in Wicomico County, then in Somerset County. Marcellus Jones was born in 1796 in the Widgeon area of Mt. Vernon to George Jones of Robert and his wife, Leah Holbrook. Marcellus married Mary Hughes (1792-1863), the daughter of Jesse Hughes and his wife, Sarah McClester. He died at his farm in the spring of 1846 and is interred at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Tyaskin. The ledger is for the calendar year 1836, but it ends in September, as pages are obviously missing. Throughout the first 30 pages, newspaper clippings from the late 19th century have been pasted over the entries in the volume, as was the Victorian custom.

While we were aghast that the clippings cover the material we most wish to read, before the newsprint is painstakingly removed, it is worthwhile to read the material, which includes a poem by Amanda Elizabeth Dennis, "Poor Salisbury, or Wings of Fire," dated 17 October 1886, after the second fire that devastated Salisbury. Another poem, printed for the *Baltimore Weekly Sun*, refers to the Civil War, "Stern North takes on a sudden freak, and woos sweet South's consenting hand—in Maryland ... 'Tis well, the hopeful heart she gave Was buried with him in his grave ..."

A look through the ledger at the names of the customers gives an insight as to the distance they travelled to the store and the items they purchased. The ledger is of particular interest at this time, because the community of Mt. Vernon, just across the river from Whitehaven, is the first area of study in the American Origins project. The ledger reveals that a number of residents of Mt. Vernon either took the ferry or used their own scows to go to Marcellus Jones' store, which also served as the post office, as indicated by Isaac Denson's "postage on 3 letters" for 37 1/2 cents and Levin Ross' purchase of "postage on leth" for $1.21. A native of Oriole, but a Mt. Vernon resident by virtue of his 1825 marriage to Elizabeth Barbon, Levin Ross (1796-1874) opened a store of his own by 1860 on what is now Fitzbounds Road in Mt. Vernon. Other Hungary Neck residents were Thomas Rencher; Thomas Ingersoll; Thomas Holbrook; George H. Rencher; John Kirwan; Nathan Bloodsworth, who paid for some of his goods with "herrings"; Capt. George Riggin of Waterloo; Fielder Austin; Littleton Furnis who bought a half bushel of salt, a "phial of warm seed oil," one pint of whiskey; and Ephraim Furnis who purchased six yards of muslin for $1.

Jones' store was patronized by a number of African-Americans of the area: Polly Conway and Betty Conway, both purchased "lace boots" and a gallon of molasses; Benjamin Jones a gallon of whiskey, tobacco and coffee; Bob Wallace one pair small shoes; Scinta Evans a bottle of snuff; Jane



Conaway a pad of cotton yarn; Milley Conaway 10 pounds of flour and a pound of cheese; Frances Conway a balance on "bed tick[ing]"; Henry Game a gallon of whiskey, three pounds of sugar, one pound of tobacco, one and a half pounds of coffee; Nancy Elzey four pounds of sugar, two pounds of coffee, candles and cheese; Nicholas Dashiell, tobacco and cheese; Joshua Robertson tobacco and whiskey; Moses Palmore sugar, cheese, tobacco, a pair of suspenders and a pint of whiskey; Samuel Cannon sugar and a quart of whiskey; James Hopkins; Joseph Parmer, David Puckam, George King, Levi Hammon.

The Hughes family was well represented as patrons of the store: Capt Jesse Hughes, Capt. Rufus Hughes, Capt. James Hughes and Levi Hughes, as were Charles and Aaron Willing. The "Schooner E. Hester" had several entries, such as a credit of 25 "herrins" for one peck of meat.

Patrons from further away in either direction included Col. William Jones of Monie who purchased 50 3/4 yards of

Whitehaven ledger with artifacts from the Wicomico County Historical Society.

"ca[i]nning," 1/8 yard of Holland [cloth] and one set of sashing buttons; William Bracher [Bradshaw] of Dames Quarter; John W. Bowland for "8 penny nails" and two pairs of kid gloves. John U[pshur] Dennis bought shot and powder. Perhaps John U. Dennis, of the plantation Beverly of Worcester, was in the area hunting that day. Henry Nutter, George Nutter, Josiah Landin, Gilley Bird, John Mears, William Insley and David Walston also visited Jones' store.

This ledger, like others held at the Nabb Research Center, tells us much about the residents of the area and the economic conditions of the time. These records are one of a kind and priceless for the information they hold. We do not know the location of the other ledgers of Marcellus Jones nor into whose hands this volume fell until it was purchased at auction by the donor, Mrs. Janet Taylor of Princess Anne. We are grateful to Mrs. Taylor for allowing us this peek into the year 1836.

Whitehaven Village

by Creston Long

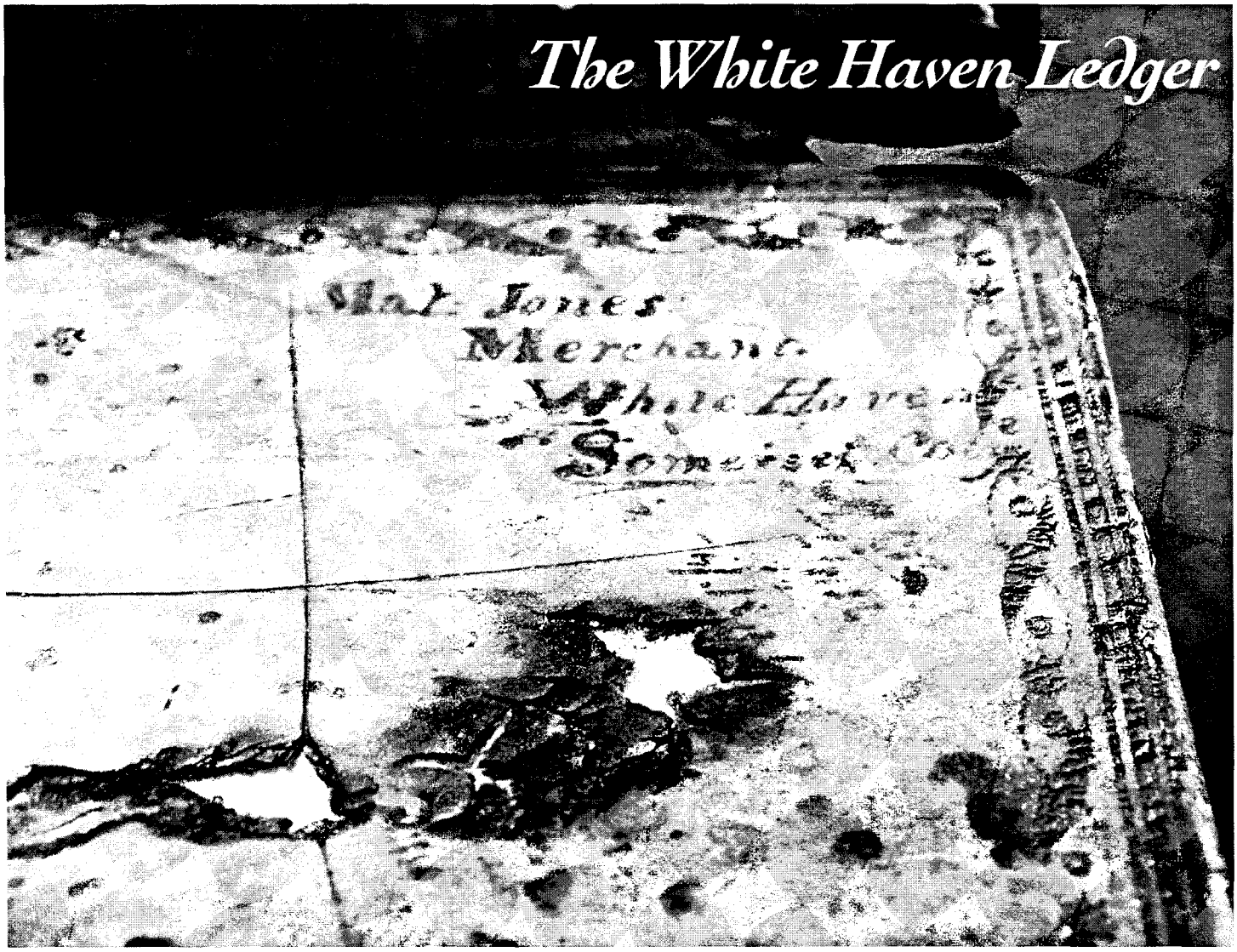
Today the village of Whitehaven, MD, is the site of a number of ongoing preservation projects and efforts to highlight the town's historic significance. The ferry at Whitehaven has been in operation since the late 17th century, and even today, it provides the only way across the lower portion of the Wicomico River. Ever since the ferry started operating, Colonial settlers conducting trade and storing commodities near the ferry made the area a small hub of economic and social activity. Throughout the Colonial period, however, locals or travelers making their way through Somerset County referred to the site not as Whitehaven but simply as Lower Ferry. If an 18th-century traveler wanted to go to the town of Whitehaven, the ferry keeper would have directed him to another nearby location. The first town of Whitehaven was actually situated on the other side of the Wicomico River and upstream about a mile east of present-day Whitehaven.

Finding documentary evidence of the first Whitehaven is not a simple task; locating physical remains of the town is virtually impossible. The first allusion to Whitehaven in the public documentary record appears in 1708, a year after the Colonial assembly had called for the establishment of a town on the south side of the Wicomico River "at a place called half round hill." By the 1730s deeds referring to lots at "half round hill" began substituting the name Whitehaven. Among lot owners in early Whitehaven were several prominent Somerset County figures including Samuel Worthington (d. 1718), Arnold Elzey (d.1733), George Gale (d. 1712) and Thomas Dashiell (d. 1755). It is not at all clear how these men used their lots in the small village as none were residents, but several deeds mention buildings and other improvements.

Considering the marshy composition of the river's shoreline, the original town of Whitehaven must have set back somewhat from the banks of the Wicomico. Somerset County land records from 1730 describe a "... Main Street leading up from the River Side into the Body of the Said Town." This location may in fact explain why Whitehaven failed to grow. Without direct access to the riverfront, Whitehaven could not compete economically or socially with Lower Ferry which remained the local center of commerce throughout the Colonial period. Some of the last references to the original Whitehaven site appear in the mid-1760s. After that time the name disappeared until the residents of Lower Ferry adopted the name in the late 18th or early 19th century.

Further research will hopefully reveal a better picture of what sort of business transpired at early Whitehaven. A 1994 Ph.D. graduate of the University of Maryland, Joseph Brown Thomas Jr. provides an outline of the history of the first Whitehaven. The title of Thomas' dissertation is *Settlement, Community and Economy: The Development of Towns on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore, 1660-1775*. It is available for study in the Nabb Research Center's reading room.

The White Haven Ledger



This photo of the Whitehaven ledger shows damage on its leather cover.

by Rebecca Brooks

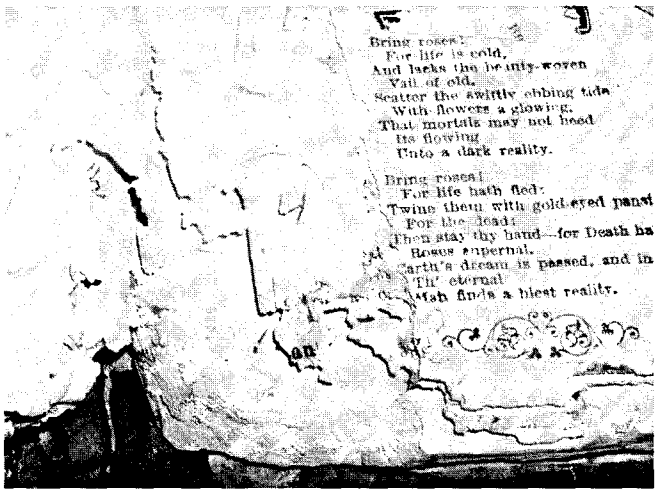
Each day, a new item of interest comes to my processing table. Due to the generosity of our many benefactors, the Nabb Research Center is fortunate to receive rare and precious items, such as store ledgers, family bibles, photographs and scrapbooks. Unfortunately, these materials may be in deteriorating condition. When this happens I have to decide whether to leave the items as they are or to take action to remediate or slow the damage of the ravages of time. In each newsletter, "Yesterday's News" will focus on archival items that require special attention.

This month, I am focusing on the White Haven Ledger, a gift of Janet Parker Taylor. (See Becky Miller's article on the contents of the ledger.) The conservation issues of the White Haven Ledger include brittle paper, pest damage, leather binding damage and double usage. The dates in the ledger reflect the most usage in 1836. The book itself was most likely made of mediocre quality paper relatively well-bound into a leather covered cardboard structure. Most of the pages of the structure have been compromised by pests. Paper, being made mostly of plant matter, is a favorite among insects and this ledger is no exception. As can be seen in the adjacent photographs, many of the pages have been eaten away.

The pages of the ledger are extremely fragile due to acid migration from the book's binding. This leather binding itself is in poor condition. As leather ages, it scratches, dries and cracks. This cumulative damage has led to the loss of information once written or stamped into the leather. Severe edge wear has also exposed the book's cardboard structure, lessening the strength of the binding.

The ledger, reused after its pages were filled with writing, contains clippings attached with a paste-like substance. Pastes are also edible for insects and most likely made this book doubly attractive to insects. The reuse of the ledger presents a problem for researchers trying to ascertain information covered by the clippings. Removal of the clippings is very difficult and should only be attempted safely by a professional conservator, thus making it a very costly endeavor. While we have not received a professional assessment of the cost associated with the conservation of the ledger, it could cost several hundred dollars.

Preservation of the White Haven Ledger is of the utmost importance, but it raises fundamental questions about what type of restoration should be done. If the clippings inserted into the ledger are removed, it may have an adverse effect on the preservation of the provenance of the ledger. By contrast, leaving the clippings intact obstructs the view of the 1836 writings and thus, hinders the study of the underlying pages.


Bring roses!
For life is cold,
And lacks the beauty-woven
Veil of old.
Scatter the swiftly ebbing tide
With flowers a glowing,
That mortals may not heed
Its flowing
Into a dark reality.

Bring roses!
For life hath fled;
Twine them with gold-eyed pansi
For the dead;
Then stay thy hand—for Death ha
Roses supernal.
Earth's dream is passed, and in
Th' eternal
Sleep finds a blest reality.

This view of the ledger shows scrapbook clippings pasted on top of the original ledger. Also note insect damage to the pages.

The following poem was written by Eastern Shore poet Henry Wilson. Wilson recently donated his book *Haunting Scribblings* to the Nabb Research Center's collections. As part of the Center's mission to support Delmarva History, we continue to collect fiction written by Eastern Shore natives or about the Chesapeake. The next time you visit the Center, take some time out from your research to check out the fiction section of our collections and support our local writers.

Center Director Becky Miller with Henry Wilson, author of *Haunting Scribblings*

The House by the Choptank

by Henry Wilson

Just off the Choptank, surrounded by fields
Sits an old weathered house to itself
That wants so badly its secrets to yield
In the allotted time it has left

It longs to tell of those who once lived
Within its vintage, crumbling walls
Of what they had to take and give
It longs to tell it all

Of those buried within the confines under rotting, aging floor
And those buried in fields behind
And the tragedies of days of yore

But any attempts at its secrets to reveal
Is only heard as wailful moans
And the secrets remain concealed
As another day continues on

But at night if you should venture near
Strange sights you well may see
And blood curdling sounds may assault your ear
Futher deepening the mystery

Of the strange old house sitting on the bank
In Caroline's beautiful county
The beautiful bank, of the Choptank
Still longing to tell its story.

Odds and Ends ...

- Nabb Center **totebags and 2002 calendars** are now on sale. The totebags are $12, and the calendars are $7. This year's calendar features the historic courthouses of Delmarva. These items make great Christmas gifts and are available by mail or at the Center.

- It is time to **renew your Nabb Center annual memberships**. For the first time in nearly 10 years, the annual membership fee for 2002 has increased slightly to $30 and newsletter subscription to $15. Please take this opportunity to fill out the enclosed renewal card and return it to the Center.

- Watch for our **new look in the next issue of the *Shoreline*** newsletter. We are changing to a shorter, monthly format. Members will also receive a bi-annual bonus edition which will include substantive articles on Chesapeake history and genealogy.

- As part of the American Origins project, the Nabb Center recently acquired a **microfilm reader/printer**. The new machine greatly enhances the user's ability to read and interpret difficult copy. Staff can also download documents from the viewer into digital format.

- The Nabb Center was awarded a **$50,000 Maryland Historical Trust non-capital historic preservation grant**–the maximum grant award in this category. The funds will be disbursed in fiscal year 2002 for use in connection with the American Origins project.

- The Nabb Center participated in the **Institute of Museum and Library Services' Conservation Assessment Program**. The program provides eligible institutions with a two-day site visit by a preservation architect or architectural conservator. After the site review, the IMLS representative prepares a conservation assessment that provides an overview of the museum or archives' collections, as well as its environmental conditions, policies and procedures relating to collections care. The assessment was very useful as the IMLS representative offered many practical ideas about the care of the Center's artifacts and documents.

- In October, Nabb Center Director Becky Miller spoke to a senior group at **Pine Bluff Village** in Salisbury. The focus of Miller's talk was forgotten words and expressions in the Eastern Shore dialect. Jill Jeffery, Nabb Center research coordinator, was also on hand with a laptop computer to record some of the arcane expressions remembered by the residents.

- Also in October, Miller and Administrative Assistant Donna Messick attended the **Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference** in Richmond, VA. Some of the topics covered during the conference were educating with archival collections, artifact borrowing and lending policies, developing intern and volunteer programs and electronic records preservation programs.

- Staff members Iris Powell, technical services librarian, and Rebecca Brooks, archivist, were awarded a stipend of $1,800 to attend a series of workshops at the **Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and Wistar Institute** titled "From Negative to Positive." The October workshops were for professional librarians, archivists, curators, collection managers, stewards of historic house museums and records managers, who are involved in collections care activities or have responsibility for photograph collections. The workshop included three different sessions: "Planning Your Digital Imaging Project," "Identification and Care of Photographic Negatives" and "Identification and Care of Photographic Prints."

- In September, Becca Brooks conducted the Nabb Center's first **Preservation Workshop**, covering scrapbooks, other paper-based documents, photographs, and audiovisual materials. Optimal environmental conditions for these types of materials were presented, as well as storage and cleaning options. For more suggestions about preserving your family collections check online for a technical leaflet produced by the Northeast Document Conservation Center, www.nedcc.org/fmlycol.htm.

- In celebration of November's **Native American History Month**, the Nabb Center hosted the lecture, "Mitsawokett to Bloomsbury: Archaeology and History of an Unrecognized Indigenous Community in Central Delaware." Ned Heite of Heite Consulting traced the history of an excavated site of a house in Kent County, DE, from about 1750 until 1814.

Upcoming Events
At The Nabb Research Center

Saturday, January 26
Genealogy Workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: The Nabb Center hosts this day-long genealogy event with Nabb Center Director Becky Miller; Dr. Ray Thompson, History Department chair; and Dr. Clara Small, History Department professor. Cost is $50 per person, including catered luncheon and workbook prepared by the presenters. Call Center for reservations, space is limited, 410-543-6312. Members discount available.

Tuesday, February 12
African-American History Month Lecture, 7 p.m.: Dr. Clara Small, SU History Department, and Rev. David Briddell will present a lecture on researching African-American history.

Tuesday, March 12
Women's History Month Lecture, 7 p.m.: SU history professor, James McCallops, will present a lecture on women's history.

September 20-21
Tracing Your Delmarva Ancestors Seminar: The Nabb Center and the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society co-host this seminar. Watch for more details in future newsletters or on the Nabb Web site, http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

Please note, all events are subject to change. Please call the Nabb Center to confirm.

New Acquisitions

Books

Axtell, James. *Natives and Newcomers: The Cultural Origins of North America*
Blackistone, Mick. *Dancing with the Tide: Watermen of the Chesapeake*
Breen, T. H. *Puritans and Adventurers: Change and Persistence in Early America*
Buell, Joy Day & Richard Buel Jr. *The Way of Duty: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America*
Butler, Jon. *Religion in Colonial America*
Cannon, Doug. *A Cannon Compilation*
Canny, Nicholas. *The Origins of Empire*
Cohen, I. Bernard. *Science and the Founding Fathers: Science in the Political Thought of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams & James Madison*
Coldham, Peter Wilson. *Child Apprentices in America from Christ's Hospital, London 1617-1778*
Colket Jr., Meredith B. *Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657*
Danson, Edwin. *Drawing the Line: How Mason and Dixon Surveyed the Most Famous Border in America*
Davis, Eliza Timberlake. *Wills and Administrations of Surry County, Virginia 1671-1750*
Dennett, George M. *History of the Ninth U.S.C. Troops, From Its Organization Till Muster Out, With List Names Of All Officers and Enlisted Men Who Have Ever Belonged To*
Dobson, David. *Scots-Irish Links: 1575-1725, Parts One and Two*
Downstate Delaware Genealogical Society. *Tombstones of Sussex County Delaware: Volume One*
Dulany's History of Maryland: From 1632 to 1900: Prepared for the Use of Schools in the State
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New on Our Web Site

by Iris Powell

The Nabb Research Center Web site recorded over 10,000 visitors in the last three months. Many of these visitors checked out two newly displayed William Wroten articles on Eastern Shore heroes. Lt. John Trippe served in the American Navy with Stephen Decatur in 1804. Colonel John Gunby led the highly regarded Maryland Brigade (the Maryland Line) to distinction in the Revolutionary War. These Wroten articles can be found in a link ("Delmarva Heritage by Dr. William H. Wroten Jr.") on the Eastern Shore Potpourri page listed in the table of contents on the home page.

The Nabb Research Center has subscribed to *Past Portal: Colonial Williamsburg's Portal to American History*, a digital library where one can search and view digitized versions of rare books and manuscripts from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. This wonderful Web site is by subscription only but can be accessed for free at the Center. *Do History* is a site for some basic skills and techniques for interpreting fragments that survive any period of history. Both of these links are available on the Nabb Research Center "Links" page. You can visit the Center's Web site at http://nabbhistory@salisbury.edu.

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Sometimes, It Takes a Team Effort...

Over the past couple of months, the staff of the Nabb Research Center has been participating in professional development sessions with Lee Ann Shull of Salisbury University's Human Resources Office. The focus of these sessions has been team development. During team development meetings, the staff has been developing a team vision for the Nabb Research Center. Several other important areas of team development include increasing trust and communication between team members, understanding effective conflict resolution skills and building on one another's strengths and abilities.

In September, these team building strategy sessions were put to the test when the staff spent the day at the Pemberton Colonial Fair at historic Pemberton Hall in Salisbury. The Pemberton Colonial Fair is an annual event that includes interpretative tours of Pemberton Hall, food, games and Colonial and Civil War era period demonstrations. Given the recent growth in the Nabb Research Center's staff, this year the Center was able to participate in the fair. The staff set up a booth where the Center's retail items, such as books, calendars and totebags, were sold. The booth also included a display of historic artifacts and documents. Inside the mansion, staff members Becca Brooks, Creston Long, Becky Miller and Iris Powell interpreted maps and historic documents that were brought to the fair from the Center.

Nabb Research Center member, Becca Brooks, donned period attire. Becca is standing in front of the Center's map and document display.

This event was a wonderful way for the Nabb Research Center to reach out to the local community, but it took a lot of effort from the various members of the Nabb Research Center's team to make the Pemberton Fair outing a success. From arranging for the sites at Pemberton, to preparing the items for the fair and delivering them to Pemberton, to working the day of the fair and staying until the end to clean-up, the staff worked as a team to ensure that the Nabb Research Center was well represented. Hopefully, this success can be built on at future community events. A big thanks to all of the staff members who participated at Pemberton, especially, Becca Brooks, Pam Collins, Doris Gelbman, Aaron Horner, Jill Jeffery, Creston Long, Donna Messick, Becky Miller and Iris Powell.

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